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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

March 27, 1956

Honorable Allen W. Dulles  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Allen:

I have your letter of March 22 relative to our conversation regarding "brainwashing".

I would be delighted to have the proper people in your office discuss this more fully with me at our mutual convenience. I agree with you that it is very important.

Best regards!

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# H. R. 6376

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 19 (legislative day, JANUARY 16), 1956

Read twice and referred to the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs

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## AN ACT

To provide for the hospitalization and care of the mentally ill  
of Alaska, and for other purposes.

- 1     *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2     *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3     That this Act may be cited as the "Alaska Mental Health  
4     Act."

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## PURPOSE

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SEC. 2. The purpose of this Act is to transfer from the

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Federal Government to the Territory of Alaska basic respon-

1 sibility and authority for the hospitalization, care, and treat-  
2 ment of the mentally ill of Alaska and, in connection with  
3 such transfer—

4 (a) to modernize procedures for such hospitalization  
5 (including commitment), care, and treatment and to  
6 authorize the Territory to modify or supersede such  
7 procedures;

8 (b) to assist in providing for the Territory neces-  
9 sary facilities for a comprehensive mental-health pro-  
10 gram in Alaska, including inpatient and outpatient  
11 facilities;

12 (c) to provide for a land grant to the Territory to  
13 assist in placing the program on a firm long-term basis;  
14 and

15 (d) to provide for a ten-year program of grants-in-  
16 aid to the Territory to enable the Territory gradually to  
17 assume the full operating costs of the program.

18 POWERS OF THE TERRITORIAL GOVERNMENT

19 SEC. 3. (a) The Territory of Alaska is hereby author-  
20 ized to appropriate such sums from the public money of  
21 Alaska for the administration of its responsibilities under this  
22 Act as it may deem appropriate.

23 (b) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 3 of the  
24 Act of August 24, 1912 (37 Stat. 512; 48 U. S. C., sec. 24),  
25 or any other law, the Territorial Government of Alaska is

1 hereby authorized to enact such laws as it may deem appro-  
2 priate relating to the hospitalization (including commitment),  
3 care, and treatment of residents of or persons in Alaska who  
4 are mentally ill, and such legislation may supersede any of the  
5 provisions of title I of this Act.

6 TITLE I—HOSPITALIZATION OF THE  
7 MENTALLY ILL

8 DEFINITIONS

9 SEC. 101. As used in this title—

10 (a) The term "Alaska" means the Territory of Alaska.

11 (b) The term "designated examiner" means a licensed  
12 physician designated by the Governor as specially qualified,  
13 under standards established by him for the purpose of this  
14 title, in the diagnosis of mental or related illness: *Provided*,  
15 That, for areas in which no licensed physician so qualified  
16 is available, any licensed physician may be designated.

17 (c) The term "Governor" means the Governor of  
18 Alaska.

19 (d) The term "head of a hospital" means the individual  
20 in charge of a hospital, or his designated representative,  
21 except that when the individual in charge of a hospital is  
22 not a licensed physician, authority placed in the head of a  
23 hospital by this title which involves in major part the exer-  
24 cise of medical judgment shall be exercised by the highest  
25 licensed medical official of the hospital.

1 (e) The term "hospital" means a public or private  
2 hospital or institution or part thereof, equipped and other-  
3 wise qualified to provide inpatient care and treatment for  
4 the mentally ill.

5 (f) The term "individual", as used in section 103 and  
6 104, means a resident of or a person in Alaska.

7 (g) The terms "interested party" or "interested parties"  
8 include the legal guardian, spouse, parent or parents,  
9 adult children, other close adult relatives, or an interested,  
10 responsible adult friend of a mentally ill individual or a  
11 patient.

12 (h) The term "licensed physician" means an individual  
13 licensed under the laws of Alaska to practice medicine or  
14 osteopathy; a medical officer of the Government of the  
15 United States while in Alaska in the performance of his  
16 official duties; or a medical officer of the Territory of Alaska.

17 (i) The term "mentally ill individual" means an indi-  
18 vidual having a psychiatric or other disease which substan-  
19 tially impairs his mental health or an individual who is  
20 mentally defective or mentally retarded.

21 (j) The term "patient" means a resident of or person  
22 in Alaska qualified under this title for hospitalization as a  
23 mentally ill individual.

24 (k) The term "police officer", when used in connection  
25 with cases which involve individuals who, because of mental



1 illness, are likely to injure themselves or others if allowed to  
2 remain at liberty, includes a United States marshal.

3 (l) The term "resident of Alaska" means (i) a per-  
4 son who has lived continuously in Alaska for one year imme-  
5 diately preceding his admission as a patient or immediately  
6 preceding his becoming a proposed patient, or (ii) a person  
7 who has a present intention to make Alaska his home for an  
8 indefinite period of time. Such intention may be evidenced  
9 by prior statements or it may be implied from facts which  
10 show that the person does in fact make Alaska his permanent  
11 home. A married woman shall be capable of establishing a  
12 legal residence apart from her husband, and an emanci-  
13 pated child under twenty-one years shall take the legal resi-  
14 dence of the parent or guardian with whom he is actually  
15 living.

16 (m) The term "State" or "States" includes the States,  
17 the District of Columbia, the Territories and possessions of  
18 the United States, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

19 (n) The term "United States Commissioner" means a  
20 United States Commissioner, appointed pursuant to section  
21 6 of the Act of June 6, 1900 (31 Stat. 323; 48 U. S. C., sec.  
22 104).

23 POWERS OF THE GOVERNOR

24 SEC. 102. Except insofar as this title specifically confers  
25 certain powers, duties, and functions upon others, the Gov-

1 error shall be charged with the administration of this title.  
2 In addition to such authority as may be conferred upon him  
3 by other sections of this title, the Governor is hereby  
4 authorized—

5 (a) to designate hospitals equipped and otherwise  
6 qualified to provide inpatient care and treatment for  
7 individuals who are mentally ill;

8 (b) to (1) provide for the hospitalization of men-  
9 tally ill patients in designated hospitals of Alaska, (2)  
10 enter into arrangements with the Surgeon General of the  
11 Public Health Service for the care and treatment of such  
12 patients in hospitals of the Service in Alaska, (3) nego-  
13 tiate and enter into contracts with any hospital in Alaska  
14 for the care and treatment of such patients, and (4)  
15 negotiate and enter into contracts, which shall incorpo-  
16 rate safeguards consistent with the provisions of this title,  
17 with any hospital in the continental United States for  
18 the care and treatment of such patients;

19 (c) to prescribe the form of applications, records,  
20 reports, and medical certificates required by this title,  
21 and the information to be contained therein;

22 (d) to require reports from the head of a hospital  
23 concerning the care of patients;

24 (e) to visit each hospital to review methods of  
25 care for all patients;

1 (f) to investigate complaints made by a patient  
2 or an interested party on behalf of a patient;

3 (g) to establish such rules and regulations not in-  
4 consistent with the provisions of this title as he may  
5 find to be reasonably necessary for the proper and effi-  
6 cient administration of this title; and

7 (h) to delegate to any officer or agency of the  
8 Territorial Government of Alaska any of the duties  
9 and powers imposed upon him by this title.

10 AUTHORITY TO RECEIVE PATIENTS

11 SEC. 103. The head of any hospital which has been des-  
12 ignated by the Governor pursuant to section 102 is author-  
13 ized to receive therein for observation, diagnosis, care, and  
14 treatment any individual whose admission is applied for  
15 under one of the following procedures:

16 On Application by Patient or by Guardian of Minor

17 (a) Any individual who is mentally ill or who has  
18 symptoms of mental illness but who has sufficient insight or  
19 capacity to make responsible application for admission and  
20 who, being sixteen years of age or over, applies therefor  
21 may be admitted on his own application. Any individual  
22 under sixteen years of age who is mentally ill or has symp-  
23 toms of mental illness may be admitted if his parent or legal  
24 guardian applies therefor in his behalf.

## 1 ON APPLICATION BY OTHERS

2 (b) Any individual may be admitted for care and  
3 treatment in a hospital upon written application by an inter-  
4 ested party, by a health or welfare officer, by the Governor,  
5 or by the head of any institution in which the individual  
6 may be, if the application is accompanied by a certificate  
7 of a licensed physician that, on the basis of an examination  
8 held not more than fifteen days prior to the individual's  
9 admission, such individual in his opinion is mentally ill  
10 and because of his illness, either (1) is likely to injure  
11 himself or others if allowed to remain at liberty, or (2)  
12 being in need of care or treatment in a hospital, lacks suf-  
13 ficient insight or capacity to make responsible application  
14 in his own behalf.

## 15 EMERGENCY HOSPITALIZATION

## 16 Upon Medical Certification and Endorsement

17 SEC. 104. (a) If the certificate by a licensed physician  
18 under section 103 (b) states a belief that the individual is  
19 likely to injure himself or others if allowed to remain at  
20 liberty, any health, welfare, or police officer, or any person  
21 deputized by a United States Commissioner, shall have au-  
22 thority, upon endorsement of the certificate for such pur-  
23 pose by the Governor or by a United States Commissioner,

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1 to take the individual into custody, apply to a designated  
2 hospital for his admission, and transport him thereto.

3 Without Certification or Endorsement

4 (b) Any health, welfare, or police officer who has reason  
5 to believe that an individual is mentally ill and, because of his  
6 illness, is likely to injure himself or others if not immediately  
7 restrained pending examination or certification by a licensed  
8 physician or pending endorsement of such certification as  
9 provided in subsection (a) of this section, may take the  
10 individual into custody, apply to a designated hospital for  
11 his admission and transport him thereto. The application  
12 for admission shall state the circumstances under which the  
13 individual was taken into custody and the reason for the  
14 officer's belief.

15 EXAMINATION OF NEWLY ADMITTED PATIENTS; DISCHARGE

16 BY HOSPITAL

17 SEC. 105. The head of the hospital shall arrange for an  
18 examination by a designated examiner of every patient  
19 hospitalized pursuant to section 103 (b) or section 104  
20 within a period not to exceed five days after the day of  
21 admission. At the end of such period, any patient so  
22 admitted shall, without need of application therefor, be dis-  
23 charged if an examination has not been held or if, upon  
24 examination, the designated examiner refuses or fails to  
25 certify to the head of the hospital that in his opinion the

1 patient is mentally ill and either is likely to injure himself  
2 or others if allowed at liberty, or is in need of care or treat-  
3 ment in a hospital and because of his illness lacks sufficient  
4 insight or capacity to make responsible application therefor.

5 RIGHT TO DISCHARGE ON APPLICATION; EMERGENCY

6 DETENTION

7 SEC. 106. (a) Any individual admitted to a hospital  
8 under authority of section 103 or 104 shall be forthwith  
9 discharged therefrom upon his request or upon the request  
10 in writing by an interested party, except that—

11 (1) if admitted upon his own application, his dis-  
12 charge may be conditioned upon his agreement;

13 (2) if under sixteen years of age and admitted  
14 pursuant to section 103 (a), his discharge prior to be-  
15 coming sixteen years of age may be conditioned upon  
16 the consent of his parent or guardian;

17 (3) if the head of a hospital, within 48 hours from  
18 the receipt of the request, files with a United States  
19 Commissioner a certification that in his opinion the dis-  
20 charge of the patient would be unsafe to the patient  
21 or others, the discharge may be postponed for such  
22 period not to exceed five days as the United States  
23 Commissioner may determine to be necessary for the  
24 commencement of commitment proceedings pursuant to  
25 section 108: *Provided*, That if the United States Com-

1       missioner finds that, because of circumstances beyond  
2       control, proceedings for judicial hospitalization cannot  
3       reasonably be instituted in such time, the discharge may  
4       be postponed for a period not to exceed fifteen days.

5       (b) The head of the hospital shall provide reasonable  
6       means and arrangements for informing patients of their  
7       right to discharge as provided in this section and other  
8       sections of this title and for assisting them in making and  
9       presenting requests for discharge.

10               PETITION FOR JUDICIAL DETERMINATION

11       SEC. 107. Any patient hospitalized pursuant to section  
12       103 (b), 104, or 108 shall be entitled to have the need for  
13       his continued hospitalization determined or redetermined on  
14       his own petition, or that of an interested party, to the United  
15       States Commissioner. Upon receipt of the petition, the  
16       United States Commissioner shall conduct proceedings in  
17       accordance with section 108, except that such proceedings  
18       shall not be required to be conducted if the petition is filed  
19       sooner than six months after the issuance of an order of hos-  
20       pitalization under section 108 or sooner than one year after  
21       the filing of a previous petition under this section.

22               HOSPITALIZATION UPON COURT ORDER; JUDICIAL  
23               PROCEDURE

24       SEC. 108. (a) An interested party, a licensed physician,  
25       a health officer, or the Governor may, by filing a written

1 application with a United States Commissioner, commence  
2 proceedings for the hospitalization of an individual by judi-  
3 cial commitment. Any such application shall be accom-  
4 panied by a certificate of a licensed physician stating that  
5 he has examined the individual and is of the opinion that  
6 the individual is mentally ill and should be hospitalized, or  
7 by a written statement by the applicant that the individual  
8 has refused to submit to examination by a licensed physician.

9 (b) Upon receipt of an application, the United States  
10 Commissioner shall give notice thereof to the proposed  
11 patient, to his legal guardian, if any, and to one or more  
12 of the other interested parties, if any. If, however, the  
13 United States Commissioner has reason to believe that notice  
14 would be likely to be injurious to the proposed patient,  
15 notice to him may be omitted.

16 (c) As soon as practicable after notice of the com-  
17 mencement of proceedings is given or it is determined that  
18 notice to the proposed patient should be omitted, the United  
19 States Commissioner shall appoint two designated examiners  
20 except that when he finds that two such examiners are  
21 not available, he may appoint a single examiner, to examine  
22 the proposed patient and report to the United States Com-  
23 missioner their findings as to the mental condition of the  
24 proposed patient and his need for care in a hospital.

25 (d) The examination shall be held at a hospital or other



1 medical facility, at the home of the proposed patient, or at  
2 any other suitable place not likely to have a harmful effect  
3 on his health. A proposed patient to whom notice of the  
4 commencement of proceedings has been omitted shall not be  
5 required to submit to an examination against his will, but  
6 if the designated examiners report that the proposed patient  
7 refuses to submit to an examination, the United States Com-  
8 missioner shall give notice to the proposed patient and order  
9 him to submit to such examination.

10 (e) If the report of the designated examiners states  
11 that the proposed patient is not mentally ill, the United  
12 States Commissioner may, without taking any further action,  
13 terminate the proceedings and dismiss the application.  
14 Otherwise, he shall forthwith fix a date for and give notice of  
15 a hearing to be held not more than fifteen days from receipt  
16 of the report of the designated examiners.

17 (f) The proposed patient, the applicant, the legal  
18 guardian, and other interested parties as determined by the  
19 Commissioner, shall be given notice and afforded an oppor-  
20 tunity to appear at the hearing, to testify, and to present and  
21 cross-examine witnesses, and the United States Commis-  
22 sioner may, in his discretion, receive the testimony of any  
23 other person. The proposed patient shall not be required to  
24 be present, and the United States Commissioner is author-

1 ized to exclude all persons not necessary for the conduct of  
2 the proceedings. The hearings shall be conducted in as  
3 informal a manner as may be consistent with orderly pro-  
4 cedure and in a physical setting not likely to have a harmful  
5 effect on the mental health of the proposed patient. The  
6 United States Commissioner shall receive and maintain a  
7 record of all relevant and material evidence which may be  
8 offered concerning the mental condition and the residence  
9 of the proposed patient and shall not be bound by the rules  
10 of evidence. An opportunity to be represented by counsel  
11 shall be afforded to every proposed patient, and if neither  
12 he nor others provide counsel, the United States Commis-  
13 sioner shall appoint counsel. If, not less than five days  
14 prior to the date fixed for the hearing, the proposed patient,  
15 his counsel, or any member of his immediate family files a  
16 written request with the United States Commissioner therefor,  
17 the Commissioner shall summon and impanel a jury of six  
18 adult residents to hear and consider the evidence concerning  
19 the mental condition of the proposed patient.

20 (g) If, upon completion of the hearing and considera-  
21 tion of the record, the United States Commissioner or, in  
22 the event the right to a jury has been exercised pursuant to  
23 subsection (f) hereof, the jury finds that the proposed  
24 patient—

1 (1) is mentally ill; and

2 (2) (A) because of his illness is likely to injure  
3 himself or others if allowed to remain at liberty; or

4 (B) is in need of custody, care, or treatment in a  
5 hospital and, because of his illness, lacks sufficient insight  
6 or capacity to make responsible decisions concerning  
7 hospitalization,

8 the United States Commissioner shall order his hospitaliza-  
9 tion either for an indeterminate period or for a temporary  
10 observational period not exceeding six months; otherwise, he  
11 shall terminate the proceedings and dismiss the application.

12 If the United States Commissioner orders the hospitalization  
13 of the proposed patient, he shall issue a finding on the legal  
14 residence of the patient. If the order is for a temporary  
15 period of hospitalization, the United States Commissioner  
16 may at any time prior to the expiration of such period, on  
17 the basis of a report by the head of a hospital and such  
18 further inquiry as he may deem appropriate, order either in-  
19 determinate hospitalization of the patient or dismissal of the  
20 proceedings.

21 (h) The order of hospitalization shall be directed to  
22 the Governor and shall state whether the individual shall  
23 be detained for an indeterminate or for a temporary period  
24 and, if for a temporary period, then for how long. Unless  
25 otherwise directed by the United States Commissioner, it

1 shall be the responsibility of the Governor to assure the  
2 carrying out of the order of hospitalization within such period  
3 as the United States Commissioner shall specify.

4 (i) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title  
5 except for section 119, commitment proceedings under this  
6 section shall not be commenced with respect to a patient  
7 admitted pursuant to section 103 (a) unless release of the  
8 patient has been requested by him or by an interested party  
9 on his behalf.

10 COMMITMENT TO AN AGENCY OF THE UNITED STATES

11 SEC. 109. (a) If an individual ordered to be hospitalized  
12 pursuant to section 108 is eligible for hospital care or treat-  
13 ment at the expense of any agency of the United States,  
14 the United States Commissioner, upon receipt of a certificate  
15 from such agency showing that accommodations are avail-  
16 able and that the individual is eligible for care, may order  
17 him to be placed in the custody of such agency for hos-  
18 pitalization. When any such individual is admitted, pursuant  
19 to the order of a United States Commissioner, to any hos-  
20 pital or institution operated by any agency of the United  
21 States within or without Alaska, he shall be subject to the  
22 rules and regulations of such agency. The chief officer of  
23 any hospital or institution operated by such agency and  
24 in which the individual is so hospitalized shall with respect

1 to such individual be vested with the same powers as the  
2 Governor or the head of a hospital concerning the detention,  
3 custody, transfer, conditional release, or discharge of patients.  
4 Jurisdiction is retained in the United States Commissioner  
5 to inquire at any time into the mental condition of an  
6 individual so hospitalized, and to determine the necessity for  
7 continuance of his hospitalization, and every order of hos-  
8 pitalization issued pursuant to this section is so conditioned.

9 (b) An order of a court of competent jurisdiction of  
10 any State, authorizing hospitalization of any individual by  
11 any agency of the United States, shall have the same force  
12 and effect as to the individual while in Alaska as in the  
13 jurisdiction in which the court entering the order is situated;  
14 and the courts of the jurisdiction issuing the order shall be  
15 deemed to have retained jurisdiction of the individual so  
16 hospitalized for the purpose of inquiring into his mental con-  
17 dition and of determining the necessity for continuance of  
18 his hospitalization, as is provided in subsection (a) of this  
19 section with respect to individuals ordered hospitalized by  
20 the United States Commissioner. Consent is hereby given  
21 to the application of the law of the State in which is located  
22 the court issuing the order for hospitalization with respect  
23 to the authority of the Chief officer of any hospital or insti-  
24 tution operated in Alaska by any agency of the United States

1 to retain custody, transfer, conditionally release, or discharge  
2 the individual hospitalized.

3 DETENTION UNDER SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

4 SEC. 110. (a) Pending his removal to a hospital, a  
5 patient taken into custody under section 104 or ordered to  
6 be hospitalized pursuant to section 108 may be detained in  
7 his home, a licensed foster home, or any other suitable fa-  
8 cility under such reasonable conditions as the Governor may  
9 fix, but he shall not, except because of and during an ex-  
10 tremе emergency, be detained in a nonmedical facility used  
11 for the detention of individuals charged with or convicted of  
12 penal offenses. The Governor shall take such reasonable  
13 measures, including provision for medical care, as may be  
14 necessary to assure proper care of an individual temporarily  
15 detained pursuant to this section.

16 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this title,  
17 no patient with respect to whom proceedings for judicial  
18 hospitalization have been commenced and whose discharge  
19 would, in the opinion of the head of the hospital, be unsafe  
20 to the patient or others shall be released or discharged from  
21 a hospital during the pendency of such proceedings unless  
22 ordered by a United States Commissioner upon the applica-  
23 tion of the patient or of an interested party.

24 (c) No patient held on order of a court or judge having

1 criminal jurisdiction in any action or proceeding arising out  
2 of a criminal offense shall be discharged except upon order  
3 of a court of competent jurisdiction.

4 WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS

5 SEC. 111. Any individual detained pursuant to this title  
6 shall be entitled to the writ of habeas corpus upon proper  
7 petition by himself or a friend to any court generally em-  
8 powered to issue the writ of habeas corpus in the jurisdiction  
9 in which he is detained.

10 APPEAL FROM DECISION OR ORDER OF UNITED STATES

11 COMMISSIONER

12 SEC. 112. Any party may appeal to the District Court  
13 for the Territory of Alaska from any decision or order of a  
14 United States Commissioner pursuant to this Act, within ten  
15 days of the date of the decision or order, and the District  
16 Court for the Territory of Alaska shall review the case on the  
17 record. While such appeal is pending, the decision or order  
18 of the United States Commissioner shall, unless otherwise di-  
19 rected by the court, be given full force and effect as if no  
20 appeal had been taken. Any appeal from a final or inter-  
21 locutory decision of the District Court for the Territory of  
22 Alaska in a proceeding under this Act shall be governed





1 individual so admitted, shall forthwith make a report thereof  
2 to the Governor.

3 RIGHT TO HUMANE CARE AND TREATMENT

4 SEC. 115. Every patient shall be entitled to humane care  
5 and treatment and, to the extent that facilities, equipment,  
6 and personnel are available, to medical care and treatment  
7 in accordance with the highest standards accepted in medical  
8 practice.

9 MECHANICAL RESTRAINTS

10 SEC. 116. Mechanical restraints shall not be applied to  
11 a patient unless it is determined by the head of the hospital  
12 or his designee to be required by the medical needs of the  
13 patient. Every use of a mechanical restraint and the rea-  
14 sons therefor shall be made a part of the clinical record of  
15 the patient under the signature of the head of the hospital  
16 or his designee.

17 RIGHT TO COMMUNICATE AND VISITATION; EXERCISE OF

18 CIVIL RIGHTS

19 SEC. 117. (a) Subject to the general rules and regula-  
20 tions of the hospital and except to the extent that the head  
21 of the hospital determines that it is necessary for the medi-  
22 cal welfare of the patient to impose restrictions, every patient  
23 shall be entitled—

24 (1) to communicate by sealed mail or otherwise

1 with persons, including official agencies, inside or out-  
2 side the hospital;

3 (2) to receive visitors; and

4 (3) to exercise all civil rights, including the right  
5 to dispose of property, execute instruments, make pur-  
6 chases, enter contractual relationships, and vote, unless  
7 he has been adjudicated incompetent and has not been  
8 restored to legal capacity.

9 (b) Notwithstanding any limitations authorized by this  
10 section on the right of communication, every patient shall  
11 be entitled to communicate by sealed mail with the Governor  
12 and with the United States Commissioner, if any, who  
13 ordered his hospitalization.

14 (c) Any limitations imposed by the head of a hospital  
15 on the exercise of these rights by a patient and the reasons  
16 for such limitations shall be made a part of the clinical record  
17 of the patient.

18 TRANSFER OF PATIENTS GENERALLY

19 SEC. 118. (a) The Governor may authorize the trans-  
20 fer of a patient from one hospital to another hospital if he  
21 determines that it would be consistent with the medical needs  
22 of the patient to do so. Whenever a patient is transferred,  
23 written notice thereof shall be given to his legal guardian, if  
24 any, parent or parents, and spouse, or, if none be known, to

1 any other interested party. In all such transfers, due con-  
2 sideration shall be given to the relationship of the patient to  
3 his family, legal guardian, or friends, so as to maintain re-  
4 lationships and encourage visits beneficial to the patient.

5 (b) Upon receipt of a certificate from an agency of the  
6 United States that accommodations are available for the case  
7 of any individual heretofore ordered hospitalized pursuant to  
8 law or hereafter hospitalized pursuant to section 108 of this  
9 title in any hospital for care or treatment of the mentally ill,  
10 and that such individual is eligible for care or treatment in a  
11 hospital or institution of such agency, the Governor may  
12 cause his transfer to such agency of the United States for  
13 hospitalization. The United States Commissioner who or-  
14 dered the individual to be hospitalized, and the guardian,  
15 spouse, and parent or parents, or if none be known, some  
16 other interested party, shall be notified immediately of the  
17 transfer by the Governor. No person shall be transferred  
18 to an agency of the United States if he is confined pursuant  
19 to conviction of any felony or misdemeanor, or if he has been  
20 acquitted of a criminal charge solely on the ground of mental  
21 illness, unless prior to transfer the United States Commis-  
22 sioner who originally ordered confinement of such person  
23 shall enter an order for the transfer after appropriate motion  
24 and hearing. Any person transferred as provided in this  
25 section to any agency of the United States shall be deemed

1 to be hospitalized by that agency pursuant to the original  
2 order of hospitalization.

3 TRANSFER OF NONRESIDENT PATIENTS

4 SEC. 119. (a) The admission papers of any person hos-  
5 pitalized pursuant to this title shall include a statement as  
6 to his legal residence. The Governor is authorized to trans-  
7 fer any patient who has been hospitalized by the judicial  
8 procedure and who is not a resident of Alaska to the State  
9 in which he has legal residence. In addition, the Governor  
10 is authorized to transfer any other patient who is not a resi-  
11 dent of Alaska to the State in which he has a legal residence,  
12 if the consent of the patient or his legal guardian has been  
13 obtained. If the patient or his legal guardian refuses to  
14 give consent, the Governor may order the discharge of the  
15 patient: *Provided*, That if the patient is certified by the head  
16 of a hospital to be dangerous to himself or to others, the  
17 Governor may cause proceedings for judicial hospitalization  
18 to be initiated with respect to such patient, pursuant to sec-  
19 tion 108 of this title. For the purposes of this subsection, the  
20 term "State" (as defined in section 101 (m) ), shall mean  
21 only a State which has agreed to the transfer or return of  
22 patients hospitalized pursuant to this title.

23 (b) For the purpose of facilitating the return of such  
24 nonresident patients, the Governor may enter into a recip-  
25 rocal agreement with any State providing for the prompt

1 transfer, under appropriate supervision, of residents of such  
2 State or Alaska who are mentally ill. Mentally ill residents  
3 of Alaska who have been hospitalized outside Alaska may be  
4 transferred, with the approval of the Governor, to a hospital  
5 designated by the Governor. All expenses incurred in re-  
6 turning to their legal residence patients who are nonresidents  
7 of Alaska may be paid from funds appropriated for the ad-  
8 ministration of this title, but the expense of transferring resi-  
9 dents of Alaska who have been hospitalized for mental ill-  
10 ness outside Alaska shall be borne by the State making the  
11 transfer.

12 (c) The Governor is hereby further authorized to enter  
13 into a reciprocal agreement with any State providing for the  
14 care and treatment of mentally ill residents of Alaska by such  
15 State, and for the care and treatment of mentally ill resi-  
16 dents of such State by Alaska, each on a reimbursable basis.

17 (d) In taking action under subsections (a) and (c)  
18 of this section, due consideration shall be given to the re-  
19 lationship of the patient to his family, legal guardian, or  
20 friends, so as to maintain relationships and encourage visits  
21 beneficial to the patient.

22 CONTRACT CARE OUTSIDE ALASKA; RIGHTS UNDER  
23 STATE LAW

24 SEC. 120. Nothing in this Act shall be deemed to  
25 alter or impair the application or availability to any patient,

1 while hospitalized in a State outside Alaska pursuant to  
2 contractual arrangements under section 102 (b), of any  
3 rights, remedies, or protective safeguards provided by the  
4 law of such State.

5 RELEASE ON CONVALESCENT STATUS

6 SEC. 121. The head of a hospital may place an improved  
7 patient on convalescent status when he believes that such  
8 status is in the best interests of the patient. Convalescent  
9 status shall so far as practicable include provisions for con-  
10 tinuing responsibility to and by the hospital, and for a plan  
11 of treatment on an outpatient basis or under the direction  
12 of a licensed physician. Prior to the end of a year on  
13 convalescent status, and not less frequently than annually  
14 thereafter, the head of the hospital shall reexamine the  
15 facts relating to the hospitalization of the patient on con-  
16 valescent status and, if he determines that in view of the  
17 condition of the patient hospitalization is no longer necessary,  
18 he shall discharge the patient.

19 READMISSION

20 SEC. 122. At any time prior to such discharge, the head  
21 of the hospital from which the patient is given convalescent  
22 status may readmit the patient. If in the case of a patient  
23 committed under section 108 there is reason to believe that  
24 it is to the best interest of the patient to be rehospitalized,  
25 the Governor or the head of the hospital may issue an order

1 for the immediate rehospitalization of the patient. Such an  
2 order, if not voluntarily complied with, shall, upon the en-  
3 dorsement by a United States Commissioner of the precinct  
4 in which the patient is resident or present, authorize any  
5 health, welfare, or police officer to take the patient into  
6 custody and transport him to the hospital, or if the order is  
7 issued by the Governor to a hospital designated by him.

8 DISCHARGE UPON MEDICAL REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION

9 SEC. 123. The head of a hospital shall cause the condi-  
10 tion of every patient to be reviewed as frequently as practi-  
11 cable, but not less often than every six months, and when-  
12 ever the head of a hospital certifies that the conditions justi-  
13 fying hospitalization no longer obtain, the patient shall be  
14 discharged. If the patient was admitted on other than his  
15 own application, notice of such discharge shall be given to  
16 the patient's legal guardian, parent or parents, spouse, or next  
17 of kin, if known, and, if the patient was hospitalized by judi-  
18 cial process, to the United States Commissioner who ordered  
19 him to be committed.

20 PROVISION FOR PERSONAL NEEDS OF A PATIENT ON

21 DISCHARGE

22 SEC. 124. The Governor shall make such arrangements  
23 as may be necessary to insure—

24 (a) that no patient is discharged from a hospital  
25 without suitable clothing; and

1 (b) that any indigent patient discharged is furnished  
2 suitable transportation for his return home and an  
3 amount of money not exceeding \$50.

4 DISPOSITION OF UNCLAIMED FUNDS OF PATIENTS

5 SEC. 125. All articles of personal property belonging to  
6 a patient who has died prior to his release on convalescent  
7 status or discharge or who has eloped therefrom, and remain-  
8 ing in the custody of the head of the hospital, shall, if  
9 unclaimed by such patient, or his legal heirs or representa-  
10 tives, within the period of five years after the decease of such  
11 patient or the date of his leaving the hospital, be disposed of  
12 in such manner as the Governor may prescribe, and any  
13 proceeds resulting therefrom shall be covered into the Treas-  
14 ury of the Territory of Alaska. Any moneys remaining to  
15 the credit of such patient, if unclaimed by his legal heirs or  
16 representatives or by such patient within the period of five  
17 years after the decease of such patient or the date of his leav-  
18 ing the hospital, shall be covered into the Treasury of the  
19 Territory of Alaska.

20 DISPOSITION OF FUNDS SUBJECT TO CLAIM

21 SEC. 126. The Governor shall cause diligent inquiry  
22 to be made, in every instance after death or elopement of  
23 any patient, to ascertain his whereabouts or that of his legal  
24 heirs or representatives and shall turn over to the proper  
25 party or parties any moneys or articles of personal property



1 in the custody of the head of the hospital to the credit of  
2 such person. Claims to such moneys or articles of personal  
3 property may be presented to the Governor at any time. In  
4 the event a claim is established by competent proof more  
5 than five years after the death or elopement of a patient, it  
6 shall be certified to the Territorial legislature for consid-  
7 eration.

8 DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION

9 SEC. 127. (a) All certificates, applications, records, and  
10 reports, other than an order of a court or United States  
11 commissioner made for the purposes of this title, and di-  
12 rectly or indirectly identifying a patient or former patient  
13 or an individual whose hospitalization has been sought under  
14 this title together with clinical information relating to such  
15 patients shall be kept confidential and shall not be disclosed  
16 by any person except insofar—

17 (1) as the individual identified or his legal guard-  
18 ian, if any (or, if he be a minor, his parent or legal  
19 guardian), shall consent; or

20 (2) as disclosure may be necessary to carry out  
21 any of the provisions of this title; or

22 (3) as a court may direct upon its determina-  
23 tion that disclosure is necessary for the conduct of  
24 proceedings before it and that failure to make such  
25 disclosure would be contrary to the public interest.

1 (b) Nothing in this section shall preclude disclosure,  
2 upon proper inquiry, of information concerning current medi-  
3 cal condition to the members of the family of a patient or  
4 to his relatives or friends.

5 (c) Any person violating any provision of this section  
6 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of not  
7 more than \$500 or imprisonment for not more than one  
8 year, or both.

9 LIABILITY FOR EXPENSE OF HOSPITALIZATION

10 SEC. 128. (a) It shall be the duty of a patient, or  
11 his legal representative, spouse, parents, adult children, in that  
12 sequence, to pay or contribute to the payment of the charges  
13 for the care or treatment of such patient when hospitalized  
14 pursuant to the provisions of this title in such manner and  
15 proportion as the Governor may find to be within their abil-  
16 ity to pay: *Provided*, That such charges shall in no case  
17 exceed the actual cost of such care and treatment. The  
18 order of the Governor relating to the payment of charges  
19 by persons other than the patient, or his legal representative,  
20 shall be prospective in effect and shall relate only to charges  
21 to be incurred subsequent to the order: *Provided, however*,  
22 That if any of the above-named persons willfully conceal  
23 their ability to pay, such persons shall be ordered to pay, to  
24 the extent of their ability, charges accruing during the period  
25 of such concealment. The Governor may cause to be made

1 such investigations as may be necessary to determine such  
2 ability to pay, including the requirement of sworn statements  
3 of income by such persons.

4 (b) As used in subsection (a), the term "actual cost  
5 of such care and treatment" shall mean either the  
6 rate provided for by a contract entered into pursuant to  
7 section 102 (b) of this title, or, in the absence of such  
8 contract, a per diem rate fixed by the Governor.

9 (c) The Governor is authorized to accept from any  
10 interested party any payment for the care and treatment of  
11 any patient, even if such payment is not required by an order  
12 of the Governor under subsection (a), so long as the total  
13 payments received under subsection (a) and this subsection  
14 do not exceed the actual cost of care and treatment.

15 FEES AND EXPENSES FOR JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS

16 SEC. 129. A United States Commissioner, the witnesses,  
17 and the jurymen, if any, in proceedings for judicial hos-  
18 pitalization shall be entitled to the same compensation and  
19 mileage as in civil actions. All compensation, mileage, fees,  
20 and all other expenses arising from judicial hospitalization  
21 proceedings shall be audited and allowed by the district judge  
22 of the division in which said proceedings are held, and when  
23 so audited and allowed shall be paid by the clerk of the  
24 court in said division in the same manner and from the same  
25 fund as he pays the other incidental expenses of the court.

1 To the extent that services of a United States marshal or  
2 deputy marshal are utilized to carry out the provisions of this  
3 title, such marshal or deputy marshal shall be entitled to  
4 fees and actual expenses from the same source and in the  
5 same manner as for their other official duties.

## 6 TITLE II—GRANTS

### 7 SPECIAL GRANTS TO ALASKA FOR MENTAL HEALTH

8 SEC. 201. Title III of the Public Health Service Act,  
9 as amended, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new  
10 part as follows:

#### 11 "PART H—GRANTS TO ALASKA FOR MENTAL HEALTH

##### 12 "GRANTS FOR ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

13 "SEC. 371. (a) There are hereby authorized to be ap-  
14 propriated the following sums to be available to the Surgeon  
15 General of the Public Health Service for the purpose of mak-  
16 ing grants to the Territory of Alaska to assist it to carry out  
17 plans, submitted by the Governor of the Territory or his  
18 designee and approved by the Surgeon General, for an inte-  
19 grated mental health program for the Territory, including  
20 the outpatient and inpatient care and treatment of the men-  
21 tally ill as defined in title I of the Alaska Mental Health Act:  
22 For each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1957, and June  
23 30, 1958, the sum of \$1,000,000; for each of the fiscal years  
24 ending June 30, 1959, and June 30, 1960, the sum of  
25 \$800,000; for each of the fiscal years ending June 30, 1961,

1 and June 30, 1962, the sum of \$600,000; for each of the  
2 fiscal years ending June 30, 1963, and June 30, 1964, the  
3 sum of \$400,000; and for each of the years ending June 30,  
4 1965, and June 30, 1966, the sum of \$200,000.

5       “(b) The Surgeon General shall, prior to the beginning  
6 of each calendar quarter or such shorter period as the Sur-  
7 geon General may find necessary, estimate the cost of carry-  
8 ing out the approved plan, on the basis of estimates furnished  
9 by the Territory, including estimates of the amount of con-  
10 tractual obligations for the hospitalization of the mentally  
11 ill, and on the basis of such further investigations as he  
12 may find necessary. From the amounts appropriated for  
13 any fiscal year, the Surgeon General shall pay to the Terri-  
14 tory the amount requested by it but not to exceed the  
15 amount so estimated by the Surgeon General for each such  
16 period, reduced or increased, as the case may be, by any  
17 sum (not previously adjusted under this section) by which  
18 he finds that the amount paid for any prior period was  
19 greater or less than the amount which should have been  
20 paid. The amount of any balance of payments made to  
21 the Territory under this section and remaining unobligated  
22 on July 1, 1966, shall be repaid to the Treasury of the  
23 United States.

24       “(c) Whenever the Surgeon General finds, after af-  
25 fording opportunity for hearing, that the Territory has failed

1 to comply substantially with any provisions of the approved  
2 plan, he shall notify the Governor that no further payments  
3 will be made under this section (or that further payments  
4 will not be made for parts of the plan affected by such  
5 failure) until he is satisfied that there will no longer be any  
6 such failure.

7       “(d) The Surgeon General is authorized to enter into  
8 arrangements with the Territorial government to provide for  
9 the care and treatment, in hospitals operated by the  
10 Service, of patients requiring hospitalization on account of  
11 mental illness. Such arrangements shall be subject to the  
12 availability of suitable facilities therefor and shall provide  
13 for charges to the Territorial government in amounts de-  
14 termined by the Surgeon General which shall be sufficient to  
15 cover the full cost of such care and treatment. Upon pay-  
16 ment by the Territory the amount of such charges shall be  
17 credited to the appropriation from which such costs were  
18 incurred: *Provided*, That, during the period of grants under  
19 this section, payment may be effected by deductions from the  
20 amount of such grants otherwise payable to the Territory,  
21 with such deductions to be credited to the appropriation  
22 from which such costs were incurred.

23       “(e) The Governor of Alaska is hereby authorized,  
24 until April 1, 1957, and without further authorization from  
25 the Territorial legislature, to expend such funds as may be

1 made available to the Territory of Alaska pursuant to this  
2 section.

3 "PAYMENTS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOSPITAL FACILITIES

4 "SEC. 372. (a) There is hereby authorized to be appro-  
5 priated an amount not exceeding the total sum of \$6,500,000,  
6 to remain available until expended; to enable the Surgeon  
7 General to make payments to the Territory of Alaska as  
8 the total contribution of the Federal Government to be used  
9 in the construction of hospital and other facilities in Alaska  
10 needed for the carrying out of a comprehensive program for  
11 the mentally ill as defined in title I of the Alaska Mental  
12 Health Act.

13 "(b) Such facilities shall be scheduled for construction  
14 in accordance with a comprehensive construction program,  
15 developed by the Territory in consultation with the Public  
16 Health Service and approved by the Surgeon General.  
17 Projects shall be constructed in accordance with such ap-  
18 proved program and in accordance with plans and specifica-  
19 tions for the project approved by the Surgeon General.

20 "(c) Upon certification by the Territory, based upon  
21 inspection by it, that work has been performed upon a proj-  
22 ect, or purchases have been made in accordance with ap-  
23 proved plans and specifications, and that payment of an  
24 installment is due, the Surgeon General shall certify such  
25 installment for payment: *Provided, however, That the*

1 Surgeon General may cause the project to be inspected at  
2 any time, and if such inspection indicates that the project  
3 is not being constructed in accordance with approved plans  
4 and specifications, he may, after notice and affording oppor-  
5 tunity for hearing, withhold further payment until he finds  
6 that adequate corrective measures have been taken.

7 “(d) The term ‘construction’ means the amount found  
8 necessary by the Surgeon General for the construction of  
9 a project and includes the construction and initial equipment  
10 of buildings (including medical transportation facilities),  
11 architects’ and engineering fees, the cost of land acquired  
12 specifically for the purpose of the project, and on-site  
13 improvements.

14 “(e) If, within twenty years from the date of comple-  
15 tion of construction, any hospital or other medical facility  
16 constructed with the aid of grants under this section shall  
17 cease to be a publicly owned facility operated for the care  
18 of the mentally ill, the United States shall be entitled to  
19 recover from the Territory the then value of the hospital  
20 or other medical facility reduced, however, proportionately  
21 to the extent to which the Territory may have contributed  
22 to the cost of construction thereof.”

23 LAND GRANT

24 SEC. 202. (a) The Territory of Alaska is hereby  
25 granted and shall be entitled to select, within ten years



1 from the effective date of this Act, not to exceed one  
2 million acres from the public lands of the United States  
3 in Alaska which are vacant, unappropriated, and un-  
4 reserved at the time of their selection: *Provided*, That  
5 nothing herein contained shall affect any valid existing rights.  
6 All lands duly selected by the Territory of Alaska pursuant to  
7 this section shall be patented to the Territory by the Secre-  
8 tary of the Interior.

9 (b) The lands authorized to be selected by the Terri-  
10 tory of Alaska by subsection (a) of this section shall be  
11 selected in such manner as the laws of the Territory may  
12 provide, and in conformity with such regulations as the  
13 Secretary of the Interior may prescribe. The authority to  
14 make selections shall never be alienated or bargained away,  
15 in whole or in part, by the Territory. All selections shall  
16 be made in reasonably compact tracts, taking into account  
17 the situation and potential uses of the lands involved. Upon  
18 the revocation of any order of withdrawal in Alaska, the  
19 order of revocation shall provide for a period of not less than  
20 ninety days before the date on which it otherwise becomes  
21 effective during which period the Territory of Alaska shall  
22 have a preferred right of selection, subject to the require-  
23 ments of this Act, except as against prior existing valid rights  
24 or as against equitable claims subject to allowance and con-  
25 firmation. Such preferred right of selection shall have prece-

1 dence over the preferred right of application created by  
2 section 4 of the Act of September 27, 1944 (58 Stat. 748;  
3 43 U. S. C., sec. 282), as now or hereafter amended, but  
4 not over other preference rights now conferred by law. As  
5 used in this subsection, the words "equitable claims subject  
6 to allowance and confirmation" include, without limitation,  
7 claims of holders of permits issued by the Department of  
8 Agriculture on lands eliminated from national forests, whose  
9 permits have been terminated only because of such elimina-  
10 tion and who own valuable improvements on such lands.

11 (c) All grants made or confirmed under this section  
12 shall include mineral deposits.

13 (d) Following the selection of lands by the Territory  
14 and the approval of such selection by the Secretary of the  
15 Interior, but prior to the issuance of final patent, the Terri-  
16 tory shall be authorized to lease and to make conditional  
17 sales of such selected lands.

18 (e) All lands granted to the Territory of Alaska under  
19 this section, together with the income therefrom and the  
20 proceeds from any dispositions thereof, shall be administered  
21 by the Territory of Alaska as a public trust and the income  
22 therefrom shall first be applied to meet the necessary ex-  
23 penses of the program for the hospitalization and care of  
24 the mentally ill in Alaska. Such lands, income, and pro-  
25 ceeds shall be managed and utilized in such manner as the

1 Legislature of Alaska may provide. Such lands, together  
2 with any property acquired in exchange therefor or ac-  
3 quired out of the income or proceeds therefrom, may be  
4 sold, leased, mortgaged, exchanged, or otherwise disposed  
5 of in such manner as the Legislature of Alaska may  
6 provide, in order to obtain funds or other property to be  
7 invested, expended, or used by the Territory of Alaska. The  
8 authority of the Legislature of Alaska under this subsection  
9 shall be exercised in a manner compatible with the conditions  
10 and requirements imposed by other provisions of this Act.

### 11 TITLE III—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

#### 12 LAWS REPEALED

13 SEC. 301. (a) The following Acts and all amendments  
14 thereto and parts of Acts and all amendments thereto are  
15 repealed:

16 (1) Section 8 of the Act of January 27, 1905 (33  
17 Stat. 619; 48 U. S. C., sec. 47) ;

18 (2) Section 7 of the Act of February 6, 1909 (35 Stat.  
19 601; 48 U. S. C., sec. 46) ;

20 (3) Act of June 25, 1910 (36 Stat. 852; 48 U. S. C.,  
21 sec. 46b) ;

22 (4) Act of April 24, 1926 (44 Stat. 322; 48 U. S. C.,  
23 secs. 50 and 50a) ; and

24 (5) Act of October 14, 1942 (56 Stat. 782; 48

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1 U. S. C., secs. 46, 46c, 47a, 47b, 47c, 48, 48a, 50, 50a) :  
2 *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall retain the  
3 authority conferred upon him by the Act of April 24, 1926,  
4 as amended (48 U. S. C., secs. 50, 50a), with respect to  
5 the moneys and personal property of any patient who has  
6 died or eloped prior to the effective date of this Act.

7 (b) Any rights or liabilities now existing under the  
8 Acts, the amendments thereto, and parts of Acts referred  
9 to in subsection (a) hereof shall not be affected by this  
10 repeal.

11 EXISTING CONTRACT AND APPROPRIATIONS

12 SEC. 302. (a) Within thirty days from the date of  
13 enactment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior, with the  
14 concurrence of the Governor of Alaska, shall either (i)  
15 assign all of his rights and duties under contract numbered  
16 13-04-001-81, entered into on June 18, 1953, between the  
17 Secretary of the Interior on behalf of the United States, and  
18 the Sanitarium Company of Portland, Oregon, to the Terri-  
19 tory of Alaska, such an assignment to become effective on  
20 the effective date specified in section 304 hereof, or (ii)  
21 terminate the said contract in accordance with the terms  
22 thereof. Upon such assignment, such contract shall have  
23 the same binding effect upon the Territory as would a con-  
24 tract negotiated pursuant to section 102 (b) of this Act.

1 (b) On the effective date of this Act, so much of all  
2 unexpended balances of appropriations as are available to  
3 the Department of the Interior for the care of the Alaska  
4 insane shall be transferred to the Governor of Alaska to  
5 be available for expenditure by him for the administration  
6 of this Act, and the Secretary of the Interior shall, as soon as  
7 practicable, after the date of enactment hereof, before or  
8 after the effective date of this Act, transfer to the Governor  
9 of Alaska all papers and documents used primarily in the  
10 administration of all laws pertaining to the Alaska insane.

11 (c) Until July 1, 1956, expenses for the transportation  
12 to a hospital outside of Alaska of all patients hospitalized  
13 pursuant to section 108 of title I of this Act shall be paid  
14 by the Department of Justice.

15 SEPARABILITY

16 SEC. 303. If any portion of this Act or the application  
17 thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the  
18 remainder of the Act and the application of such provision  
19 to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected  
20 thereby.

21 EFFECTIVE DATE

22 SEC. 304. Except as otherwise provided in section 302  
23 hereof, this Act shall become effective on the two hundred

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1 and tenth day immediately following the date of its enact-  
2 ment.

Passed the House of Representatives January 18, 1956.

Attest:

RALPH R. ROBERTS,

*Clerk.*

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## AN ACT

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To provide for the hospitalization and care of  
the mentally ill of Alaska, and for other  
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